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Ms. Beth Mizuno  
Attorney  
Office of the General Counsel  
Federal Election Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20463

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Dear Ms. Mizuno:

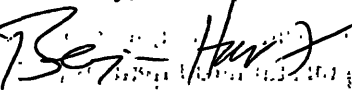
Concerning the Federal Election Commission's audit of the Conservative Leadership Political Action Committee (CLPAC), my postage loans were to American Target Advertising (ATA) for ATA's mail programs.

My loan agreement was with ATA and was guaranteed by ATA, not CLPAC. I advanced postage funds to ATA for many of its mail programs and many of its clients over many years. I relied on ATA's General Counsel Mark Fitzgibbons to make sure I was in compliance with all federal, state and local laws.

The interest rate I charged was anywhere from 1.5% to 2% per month (18-24% annualized). Lending funds for postage for ATA's many mail programs and clients was a significant part of my business from 1998-2003. Postage advances and loans are a common practice in the direct mail fundraising industry.

If I can be of any more assistance, please call me at 703-473-1672.

Sincerely,



Benjamin Hart